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King Co. physician permanently restricted from prescribing controlled substances

OLYMPIA -- The Medical Quality Assurance Commission permanently restricted the medical license of Bothell physician Daniel Riegel (MD00026679). Riegel cannot dispense, administer, or prescribe controlled substances as listed by the Drug Enforcement Agency. This action follows the immediate suspension of his medical license that happened in October 2015.

These actions were taken after Riegel improperly prescribed pain management drugs to numerous patients without using proper safeguards or oversight. Among other violations, Riegel routinely prescribed high dosages of opioids that exceeded daily limit rules. According to charging documents, three of his patients were hospitalized for overdose of prescription drugs they'd been prescribed by Riegel.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

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